

MINUTES**North Dakota High School Activities Association
January 18, 2024 – Valley City, ND – NDHSAA Office**

Members present: Aanenson, Bakke, Baxley, Derr, Diegel, Fridley, Hanson, Johnson, Jordan, Lunde, Tescher

President Johnson called the meeting to order on January 18, 2024, at 10:05 am CST.

Johnson called for a motion to approve the agenda.

Motion by Baxley to approve the agenda, seconded by Aanenson. Motion carried unanimously.

Johnson presented the consent agenda.

1. Approval of Minutes
 - a. November 30, 2023
2. Financial Reports
 - a. Balance Sheet
 - (1) November 2023
 - (2) December 2023
 - b. Budget
 - (1) November 2023
 - (2) December 2023
 - c. Savings/Investments
 - (1) November 2023
 - (2) December 2023
 - d. Fall Sports Financial Report
3. Coop Applications
 - a. Nedrose, Surrey, and TGU-Granville in softball, 7-12, 2023-24, no fee
 - b. Rugby and TGU-Towner in softball, 7-12, 2023-24, no fee
 - c. Bowman County and Beach in girls wrestling, 7-12, 2024-25, no fee
 - d. Dakota Prairie and Lakota in instrumental music, 7-12, 2023-24, no fee
 - e. Dakota Prairie and Lakota in vocal music, 7-12, 2023-24, no fee
 - f. New Rockford-Sheyenne and Four Winds in boys track and field, 7-12, 2023-24, no fee
 - g. New Rockford-Sheyenne and Four Winds in girls track and field, 7-12, 2023-24, no fee
 - h. New Salem-Almont and Sweet Briar in girls track and field, 7-12, 2023-24, no fee
 - i. Shanley and Oak Grove in football, 7-12, 2025-26, no fee
 - j. Bishop Ryan and Nedrose in baseball, 7-12, 2023-24, late fee
 - k. Jamestown and Victory Christian in boys track and field, 7-12, 2023-24, no fee
 - l. Jamestown and Victory Christian in girls track and field, 7-12, 2023-24, no fee

Motion by Aanenson to approve the consent agenda. Seconded by Fridley. Motion carried unanimously.

Des Lacs-Burlington girls wrestling self-reported an athlete competed in an incorrect weight class. The prescribed penalty is forfeiture of the match in which the violation occurred was applied.

White Shield boys basketball played an athlete who had attended eight semesters of high school. White Shield applied the prescribed penalty of forfeiture in the two games the student participated in.

Letters of reprimand will be issued to both schools.

The Executive Board reviewed an emergency football coop application from Oak Grove and Shanley High Schools. They recommended approving the coop with all applicable fines and fees.

Motion by Bakke to approve the emergency football coop between Oak Grove and Shanley High Schools. Seconded by Derr. Motion carried unanimously.

The Executive Board discussed potential changes to membership meeting procedures including Part II, Article X, Section I of the NDHSAA Constitution.

Executive Board discussed individual sports tournaments and venues relative to the number of participants.

Executive Board discussed hiring a lobbyist for the 2025 legislative session. Executive Board recommended directing NDHSAA staff to research options for the Association.

Forms will be sent to Board members for the Executive Director evaluation. The Executive Board will review the results prior to and present them at the April meeting.

Bishop Ryan and Nedrose requested to waive the \$500 late fee for a softball coop application. The Executive Board recommended denying the request.

Motion by Bakke to deny Bishop Ryan and Nedrose's waiver request. Seconded by Diegel. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bakke to approve the Executive Board report. Seconded by Hanson. Motion carried unanimously.

Tescher presented the Awards & Canvassing Committee report.

The Committee canvassed votes for the Board Representation seats of Class A At-Large, Class B Southeast, Native American At-Large, NDIAAA and NDASSP. Ryan Hanson, Principal at Devils Lake High School, won Class A At-Large 56 votes to 11 over Robert Conley, Athletic Director at Williston High School. Chad Berger, Athletic Director at Napoleon High School, won the Class B Southeast seat, collecting 29 votes over Supt. Tyler Hanson, Edgeley Public Schools, with 22 votes and Dr. Chris Larson, Superintendent of Milnor Public Schools, with 16 votes. Wayne Fox, Superintendent of White Shield School District, won the Native American At-Large seat 42 votes to 24 over Dr. Anthony Vandal, Superintendent of New Town Public Schools. Jason Simpfenderfer, Athletic Director at Beulah High School, earned 41 votes to win the NDIAAA seat over Ethen Askvig, Principal and Athletic Director of Langdon Area School, earning 39 votes. Principal Travis Christensen, Fargo North High School, ran unopposed for the NDASSP seat, collecting 37 votes.

Motion by Diegel to approve the Awards & Canvassing Committee report as presented. Seconded by Lunde. Motion carried unanimously.

Fridley presented the Realignment Committee report.

The Committee discussed numerous changes to the football regulations based on member school feedback. The Committee recommended sharing this information with member school administrators during a statewide virtual call by the end of January and soliciting feedback prior to the April 2024 Board of Directors meeting.

Motion by Aanenson to approve sharing this information with member school administrators during a statewide virtual call by the end of January and soliciting feedback prior to the April 2024 Board of Directors meeting. Seconded by Lunde. Motion carries unanimously.

The Committee received a request from Flasher High School to be switched from District 5 to District 6 in boys and girls basketball, and for volleyball when three division volleyball is implemented. The Committee tabled their request and will review all potential basketball district/region re-alignments for the 2025-26 school year when a third division of volleyball begins.

The Committee received a request from Enderlin High School to be switched from Region 2 to Region 1 in boys in girls golf due to Valley City moving from Class A to Class B in 2025-26. The Committee tabled their request and will review all potential region re-alignments for sports (other than football and basketball) and fine arts for the 2025-26 school when Valley City High School is classified in Class B.

Motion by Derr to approve the Realignment Committee report. Seconded by Hanson. Motion carried unanimously.

Fridley presented the Media Committee report.

The Committee received revised Tier I and Tier II television contract requests for proposal (RFP) drafts from NDHSAA Legal Counsel and recommended approval and releasing to television companies on January 18, 2024.

Motion by Jordan to approve the Media Committee report as presented. Seconded by Diegel. Motion carried unanimously.

Jordan presented the Finance, Personnel & Policy Committee report.

The Committee reviewed the 2023 Fall Financial reports.

The Committee discussed the current fees for region and state tournament managers. The last increase to tournament manager fees was for the 2017-18 academic year. The Committee recommended the development of a proposed fee increase for review prior to the April 8, 2024, Board of Directors meeting.

The current NDHSAA Coaching Permit Requirements are attached, one of which includes either the NFHS Fundamentals of Coaching course or the completion of a coaching fundamentals course while in college. The Committee discussed the addition of the 3D Institute's Foundational of Coaching online course as a third option for member schools and coaches. The 3D Institute would co-brand their course with the NDHSAA at no cost. The Committee recommended NDHSAA Staff discuss the creation of a cobranded course with the 3D Institute for the Board of Directors to consider in either April or June 2024.

Motion by Fridley to approve the Finance, Personnel & Policy Committee report as presented. Seconded by Aanenson. Motion carried unanimously.

Aanenson presented the Basketball Classification Committee report. The committee reviewed four requests and denied all of them.

Motion by Hanson to approve the Basketball Classification Committee. Seconded by Tescher. Motion carried unanimously.

Johnson presented the old business of the Sportsmanship Grant Program.

Motion by Jordan to approve the Sportsmanship Grant Program for the 2023-24 academic year. Seconded by Aanenson. Motion carried unanimously.

Aanenson presented the Athletic Review Grid.

Class B Cross Country	
1. Establish the following minimum times to participate in the state meet - Boys - 24:00 and Girls 27:00.	YES (11-0)
Division A Football	
1. Seed the top two seeds from each region #1 through #8.	YES (11-0)

Valley City High School submitted a request on behalf of the Division A, Region 1 basketball athletic directors to allow #1 seed teams in their region to hold a practice session at the region site from 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm prior to the semifinal game.

Motion by Lunde to deny Valley City High School's request. Seconded by Jordan. Motion carried unanimously.

Johnson opened the floor to any Representatives to give reports.

Hanson discussed several unsporting behaviors he recently witnessed at basketball games. Bakke recommended asking member schools what their expectation is for the NDHSAA Board of Directors relative to sportsmanship.

Executive Director Fetsch reviewed informational items for the Board.

A membership meeting is scheduled for 11:00 am CDT on Monday, April 8, 2024, in Fargo at the Holiday Inn.

The next Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for 10:00 am CDT on Tuesday, April 9, 2024, in Valley City at the NDHSAA office.

Meeting adjourned at 12:11 am CST.

Respectfully submitted,
Nickolas Walton
Assistant Director

Signed: _____ Approved Date: _____